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Today's local tweet

"Monday morning. Crazy guy screaming on the T. Gonna be one of those weeks... #MBTA"

@BENNY_BATES STARTING OFF THE WEEK WITH SOME UNUSUAL CO-PASSENGERS

BU paper apologizes for crude content

Students at Boston University called for editors of the "Daily Free Press" newspaper to resign yesterday after an April Fools' Day issue featured Disney characters being "roofied" and "gang-banged."

The student-run paper, which created a "Disney Free Press" mock-issue, issued an apology Monday, but only after public outcry over references to "seven frat dwarves" drugging and raping "a female Boston University student in an Allston Village cabin."

Other fake stories included Cinderella being arrested for prostitution after performing oral sex on a Boston cop and Donald Duck depicted as a BU hockey player, arrested for not wearing pants.

The mock-articles come after two alleged sexual assaults on campus involving BU hockey players.

"We ... want to apologize for the callous and ignorant stories we ran in our annual print-only April Fools' Day issue. ... Our aim was to publish satirical material about [BU] as a whole, and we did not intend to perpetuate harmful stereotypes or inappropriately make light of serious issues," wrote Chelsea Diana, editor-in-chief, on the paper's website. METRO/SA

RMV warns of unofficial renewal sites

BOSTON. As more services are offered online, officials at the Registry of Motor Vehicles are warning customers about "spoof-sites" when renewing licenses and vehicle registrations.

The sites charge customers for informational services and documents that can be obtained for free on the official RMV website, a registry spokesperson said.

An uptick in customer complaints has led to an investigation by the registry's legal department. METRO

Cops on alert after North End attack

BOSTON. Police have increased patrols in the North End after a woman was indecently assaulted there Friday.

Boston police issued an alert yesterday and said the woman was in the area of Prince Street at about 11:45 p.m. when she was attacked by a man who approached her.

Police described the suspect as a white, Mediterranean or Hispanic man in his late 20s or early 30s. He has short, dark hair and a goatee. METRO

Face transplant recipient speaks one year later

Texas man recounts recovery at Brigham and Women's ● Says he most enjoys feeling daughter's kiss on his cheek ● Doctors say he is doing well

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▶ Dr. Jeffrey Janis, left, and Dr. Bohdan Pomahac joined Wiens as he spoke about his life one year after the historic procedure at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

For years, Dallas Wiens couldn't feel his daughter kiss his face. But now the 26-year-old said he is brought to tears when he feels his daughter touch his cheek.

"I remember the first time she kissed me on the lower part of my cheek," said Wiens, who is the nation's first full face transplant recipient. "It was a very cool sensation. As soon as she did it I basically broke into tears of joy."

Wiens spoke yesterday about his recovery one year after his groundbreaking surgery in Boston. He showed up dressed in a crisp suit. His hair was combed back and he had a soul patch on his chin.

He sat alongside his hometown physician, Dr. Jeffrey Janis, and the head of the Brigham and Women's Hospital face transplant team, Dr. Bohdan Pomahac.

The doctors said Wiens can now smile and express emotions in his face.

He was severely injured and disfigured after an accident in 2008 when he came into contact with high voltage lines while working on a lift.

Wiens has gained feeling and control of his lips, but still has no teeth. Dental implants are a future step. He also has prosthetic eyes.

For Wiens, the recovery has led to a new feeling about life. He talked about being able to sit in a coffee shop or take a stroll and not get stares or questions from people who see him.

Wiens also said he enjoyed feeling the sunshine on his face.

"Those types of things can't be measured," he said.

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Other transplants

Dallas Wiens was the first full face transplant in the country, but not the last.

- Mitch Hunter received the second full-face transplant in the nation at Brigham and Women's in April 2011. He suffered a severe shock from a high voltage wire after a car crash.
- Charla Nash received a full-face transplant last summer. A chimp mauled her in 2009.
- James Maki received the nation's first partial face transplant in 2009, after he fell on the third rail on the MBTA.

A 'model' patient

BOSTON. Wiens' doctors called him a model patient.

Pomahac said that one of the most remarkable things about Wiens' recovery is how he has not had a rejection episode, which is common.

Janis said it takes great physical and mental fortitude to go through what Wiens has. METRO

Medical advancement

BOSTON. Doctors said they are continuing to learn things about the procedure as Wiens recovers.

Janis said doctors are now more aware of how to treat patients who are admitted with similar injuries and what facial aspects are important to save to preserve the possibility of a future transplant. METRO

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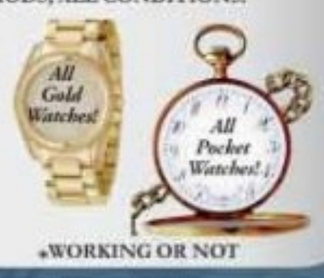

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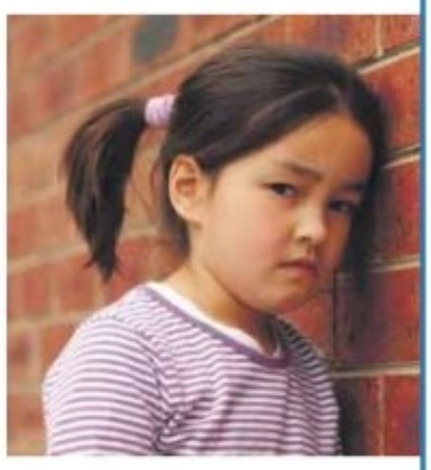

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Another one bites the dust: Cahill indicted in fraud case

Former state Treasurer Tim Cahill was indicted yesterday, adding to the growing list of Massachusetts politicians who have been convicted or indicted on criminal charges.

Cahill, 53, of Quincy, was indicted on charges of violating the state ethics law, conspiracy to violate the state ethics law, procurement fraud and conspiracy to commit procurement fraud.

Cahill, who as treasurer oversaw the state lottery, ran as an independent candidate for governor in 2010.

He is accused of using about 75 percent of the lottery's $2 million budget to run ads in the final months before the 2010 election that promoted the lottery as a well-managed organization that gives funds back to cities and towns. Cahill did not appear in the ads and they did not mention his name.

Cahill approved the ads after focus groups showed his best image as a candidate would be of his good performance managing the lottery, Attorney General Martha Coakley said, calling it an "unwarranted and unlawful benefit to Cahill and his campaign."

Cahill's lawyer, E. Peter Parker, said the ads ran because the Republican Governor's Association aired attack ads on the lottery, undermined the public's confidence in the system and hurt sales.

"Not running the ads because the RGA or an overzealous attorney general might later question whether the ads might have benefited the Treasurer politically would have been the wrong thing to do," Parker said.

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Slippery slope?

Cahill is the first person charged since the state Legislature changed the state ethics law from a civil to a criminal crime, Coakley said.

- When asked if Cahill's indictment would set a precedent, Coakley said all politicians should be cautious.
- "I think all elected officials need to be aware there will be greater scrutiny on taxpayer dollars," she said.

Demolition. Building safety

▶ Fire crews established a collapse zone around the perimeter of the above building in East Boston as they fought a fire on Sunday afternoon because the building was deemed unsafe.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

A three-story building in East Boston was partially torn down yesterday after being ravaged by a seven-alarm fire Sunday. An excavator smashed bricks on the top floor of 330 Chelsea St., which had partially collapsed. There were no serious injuries and damage was estimated at $2.5 million. METRO

News in brief

I-93 closures beginning

BOSTON. Late night closures on Interstate 93 will begin twice a month as the state works on routine maintenance, tunnel wall washing, inspections and surface and ceiling work.

Starting tonight, there will be a full shutoff to the southbound side of the highway impacting motorists traveling inside the O'Neill Tunnel.

According to MassDOT, I-93 South will be closed on the first Tuesday of each month from 11 p.m. to Wednesday at 5 a.m.

The northbound side will be closed on the third Tuesday of each month during the same times. METRO

T: No 'snakes' on the train

BOSTON. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' request to hang fake snakes from handlebars on the MBTA may get denied for safety reasons.

According to WBZ, the group wanted to wrap rubber reptiles in various parts of train cars as part of an ad campaign against buying exotic animal skin.

T officials referred PETA to their advertising agent, but told the group they do not permit advertisers to hang objects in subway cars. METRO

I scream, you scream

BOSTON. Ice cream-lovers can get free cones today between noon and 8 p.m. at several Boston-area Ben & Jerry's locations, including Newbury Street, Park Plaza, Harvard Square and the Prudential Center. METRO

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Obama has twice the support of women under 50 when compared with Romney, according to the latest poll on the issue.

10-15 **According to Pew, men are more individualistic than women by some 15 percentage points, meaning women tend to favor social programs that Republicans oppose.**

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▶ South Carolina Gov. and notable Republican woman Nikki Haley is as confident as ever that her party will triumph in November. "If we look at the record of President Obama," she said yesterday, "it would be hard to see how [he] does win."

In the end it may not matter whether, as Democrats would have us all believe, Republicans truly are waging a "War on Women" through recent attacks on contraception, sexual liberation and other reproductive health issues. Because one important voting bloc seems to have reached a telling consensus on this issue: the ladies.

According to a new USA Today/Gallup poll of 12 battleground states, Obama currently leads Romney by 18 points among women voters. The president actually trails his likely election foe by 1 point among men, but women more than make up for that slight gap: All told, Obama leads Romney by nine points, 51 to 42 percent, in key swing states.

The trend is hardly new, of course. Bill Clinton won the presidency 16 points up among women in 1996, despite trailing Bob Dole by 1 point among men. In 2000, the party sex gap hit 22 points; in 2004, 14; and in 2008, 12.

So there is some evidence to suggest that the voter disparity is just a fact of electoral life. Then again, Obama was losing to Romney in those same states in an early February poll conducted by the same organization. Has anything happened since that month that could perhaps explain the massive GOP exodus?

Let's see. The opening salvo of the so-called war was fired on Feb. 2: the now-infamous Komen flap, in which it was revealed that conservative execs of the women's health charity were conspiring to distance the organization from health services (and yes, abortion) provider Planned Parenthood. Shortly thereafter came loud Republican outrage to the Obama administration's individual mandate, specifically the requirement for religiously-affiliated institutions to provide birth control services via employer health plans; party leaders did a poor job of framing this as an issue of religious liberty rather than patriarchal dominance. The culture battle reached catastrophic dimensions mid-month, however, after Rush Limbaugh criticized activist Susan Fluke as a slut and worse over her attempt to testify before an otherwise all-male panel of religious leaders opposed to the birth control measure.

There's more. Rick Santorum sugar daddy Foster Freiss elevated the discussion by suggesting women simply place aspirin between their knees rather than rely on pregnancy-preventing pharmaceuticals. And who can forget the actual laws sponsored by Republican politicians in what could too easily be taken for a nationwide assault on the fairer sex: From multiple attempts to redefine rape and restrict abortion rights; to party-wide calls for cuts to government aid for those including low-income moms; and even, in South Dakota, a bill that could have decriminalized murdering abortion doctors.

It probably doesn't help that a bomb was detonated this past Sunday at a Wisconsin Planned Parenthood. But then, how much more help could conservatives — because let's be honest, this probably wasn't an act of Occupy Wall Street — give to Democrats this election season, a campaign that many thought would be an easy win for the opposition party? Perhaps their next big idea involves repeal of the 19th Amendment.

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Seven killed in shooting at Oakland college

A gunman opened fire at a private Christian college in Oakland, Calif., yesterday, killing at least seven people and wounding three others before a suspect, reportedly a former student, was taken into custody, authorities said.

Oakland city officials said they believed the gunman had acted alone in the mid-morning shooting at Oikos University but did not immediately identify him and declined to offer a motive for the rampage.

The school's founder, Pastor Jong Kim, told the Oakland Tribune newspaper the man arrested at a shopping mall about five miles from the scene had previously been a nursing student there, but was no longer enrolled. Kim said he heard about 30 gunshots.

Oakland police spokesman Johnna Watson said seven people had been killed and three others wounded.

Images from local TV stations showed frightened students and staff running from the school, located in a light industrial area near Oakland International Airport, as police and SWAT teams carrying assault rifles surrounded the area.

Nearby business were evacuated immediately following the rampage and shut down for the day as officers searched the school and surrounding area. A spokeswoman for nearby Highland Memorial Hospital declined to comment on the condition of the victims being treated there. **REUTERS**

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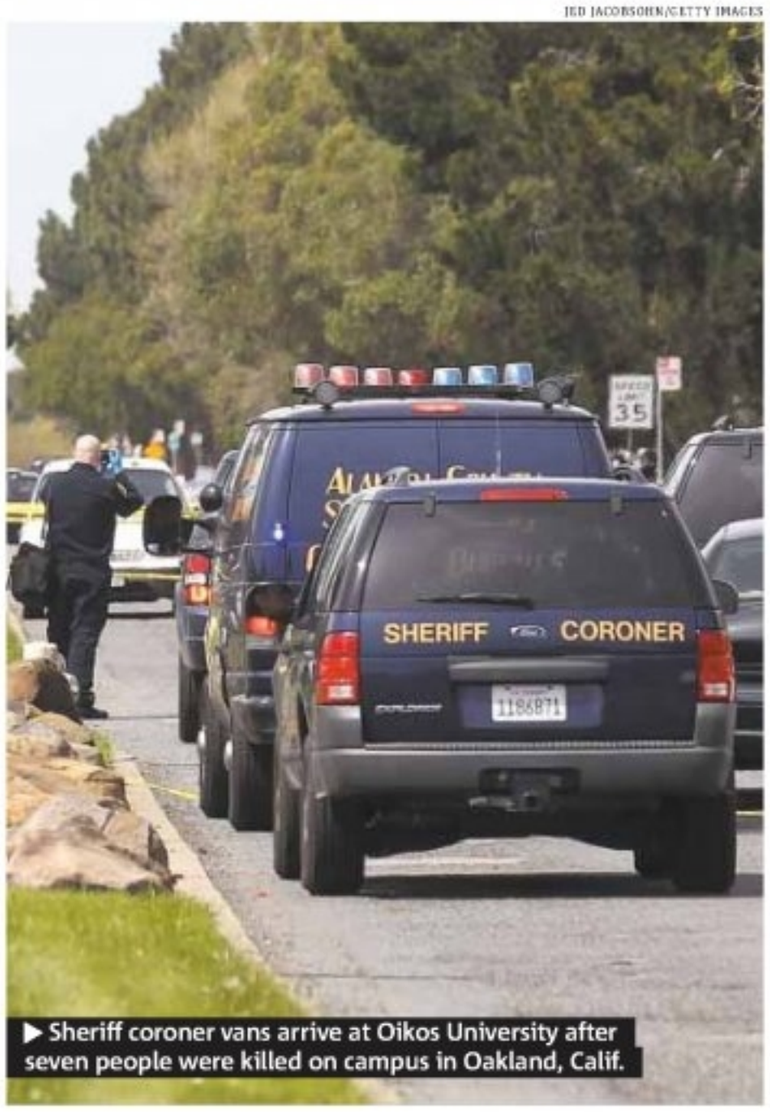

▶ Sheriff coroner vans arrive at Oikos University after seven people were killed on campus in Oakland, Calif.

Supreme Court upholds jailhouse strip searches

WASHINGTON. The Supreme Court yesterday upheld strip searches of new jail inmates, even those arrested for minor traffic offenses, ruling that security concerns outweigh personal privacy rights.

By a 5-4 vote, splitting along conservative-liberal ideological lines, the high court rejected the argument that the searches violated privacy rights and cited concerns by jailers about a suspect hiding drugs, weapons or other contraband.

14M Number of Americans who spend time in jail or prison every year, including an estimated 700,000 in jail for minor offenses.

In the opinion for the court's conservative majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy concluded the jail search procedures "struck a reasonable balance" between inmate privacy and the needs of the institution. **REUTERS**

Suu Kyi hails 'triumph of the people' in vote

YANGON, MYANMAR. Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi's party won a landslide in an election for vacant parliamentary seats, a victory she hailed yesterday as a "triumph of the people" after decades of military dictatorship.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party won 40 of the 45 available seats in Sunday's poll, the Election Commission announced on state television, dealing a crushing blow to a ruling party created by the former military junta that kept her locked her up for 15 years. **REUTERS**

Obama confident court will uphold health care law

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama said yesterday he was confident the U.S. Supreme Court would uphold the health care reform law that has been one of the signature issues of his presidency.

In his first comments since the highest U.S. court heard arguments in the case last week, Obama expressed confidence that the law would stand.

The health care reform law has also become a political issue in this presidential election year, with conservatives using it as a launchpad for criticizing Obama. **REUTERS**

Russian plane crash kills 31

MOSCOW. A passenger plane crashed and burst into flames after takeoff in Siberia yesterday, killing 31 people and putting the spotlight on Russia's poor air-safety record before Vladimir Putin's return as president. Thirteen survivors were pulled from the wreckage but one later died. **REUTERS**

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Octomom: Outta money, not children

Considering she doesn't have a job, husband or any way to support her 14 children, it's slightly impressive that **Nadya Suleman** held out this long. But no more: The Octomom is now on welfare and is receiving death threats because of it.

She tells TMZ.com that the $2,000 a month she gets from the state of California in food stamps is to avoid "becoming totally destitute." According to TMZ, she's been receiving death threats since the welfare news broke — but she feels people should be directing their anger toward those "who are abusing the system and not at her."

True. But what about stupid people who abuse fertility drugs to have way more children they — and society — can possibly support in a misguided attempt at fame? What do we direct that anger toward?

▶ Sandler

Sandler is a big winner at losing

Adam Sandler has a new record, but it's probably not one he wants to brag about. The actor's gender-bender comedy "Jack and Jill" — in which he played male and female twins — earned 10 of the 12 Razzies for which it was nominated over the weekend. The Razzies — or Golden Raspberries — celebrate the worst in film each year. "It's not really a clean sweep," Razzies founder John Wilson tells People magazine. "So it will go into the record books with an asterisk." The previous record-holder for most wins was Lindsay Lohan's 2006 film "I Know Who Killed Me." Some of the trophies "Jack and Jill" earned include worst picture, both worst actor and actress for Sandler, worst supporting actress for **David Spade** (who also donned drag) and worst supporting actor for **Al Pacino**.

Then again, "Jack and Jill" made $142,251,636 against its $79 million budget — so don't feel too bad for Sandler. He's crying all the way to the bank.

The Octomom: Single-handedly bankrupting the state of California?

Talking points

Levine and girlfriend split up

Adam Levine and model **Anne Vyalitsyna** have broken up, according to Hollyscoop. The very high-profile couple was previously seen walking the Victoria's Secret runway hand-in-hand and posing nude for Vogue Russia together last November, but apparently all wasn't well at home, as Levine and Vyalitsyna "got into a big fight in January" that nearly ended the relationship, a source says.

▶ Levine and Vyalitsyna

"Adam and I have decided to separate in an amicable and supportive manner," Vyalitsyna says in a statement confirming the split. "We still love and respect each other as friends, I wish him all the best." The pair met in 2010 at a Sport Illustrated swimsuit issue launch event where Maroon 5 was also performing.

It's a fourth daughter for Willis

Bruce Willis and **Emma Heming** welcomed a baby girl, **Mabel Ray**, over the weekend, according to Entertainment Tonight. The new parents are "overjoyed" about the arrival, according to their reps. Mabel weighed in at 9 pounds, 1 ounce. This is the first child for the couple, who tied the knot in 2009. Willis has three daughters with ex-wife **Demi Moore**.

Kutcher to star in Jobs biopic

"Two and a Half Men" star **Ashton Kutcher** knows how he's spending his summer vacation: playing tech guru **Steve Jobs** in a film about the life of the late Apple mogul, according to Variety. The film, to be directed by **Joshua Michael Stern**, will follow Jobs' rise to power. Of course, there's some competition, as Sony Pictures is developing a rival Jobs biopic, though there's no word on who will play the computer pioneer in that film.

Efron: 'I'm just Zac'

Despite popular opinion to the contrary, **Zac Efron** doesn't consider himself a heartthrob. "I can't explain to you what it's like to be a heartthrob, [because] I don't think I am a heartthrob," Efron says in an interview with CBS Sunday Morning. "I hate [that word]. I hate it. It follows you around, but you don't deserve it. It's like, 'Why?' I'm just me. I'm just Zac. Just Zac."

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Elizabeth Banks is experiencing technical difficulties, Edgar Wright is questioning his sources, Paris Hilton has eclectic tastes and Albert Brooks is trying to be sensitive.

@ElizabethBanks: Autocorrect just changed Thurs to Thugs three times. I forgot Thugs was a word. Probably because it's not 1956.

@edgarwright: A simple internet rule is this: don't get your news from film sites that either don't watch films or seem to hate them all equally.

@ParisHilton: In bed trying to figure out which movie to watch. Deciding between The Tree of Life, Horrible Bosses, The Grey & Tangled. Thoughts?

@AlbertBrooks: Have a pretty funny joke about Lincoln but I think it's too soon.

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A roundup from Sunday's Academy of Country Music Awards

1. Carrie Underwood looked glam in a purple gown. The star started off the program with her new hit "Good Girl."

2. Nicole Kidman and **Faith Hill** were pretty seatmates at the CMAs.

3. The rock band **KISS** (um, this was the Country Music Awards, right?) presented the Vocal Group of the Year award to **Lady Antebellum**.

4. Taylor Swift accepted her second consecutive entertainer of the year award to cap Sunday's Academy of Country Music Awards ceremony.

5. Marc Anthony and new girlfriend **Shannon de Lima** were in the audience at the CMAs, which were held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

6. Blake Shelton and **Lionel Richie** performed. It was a breakout night for Richie, whose country duets album, "Tuskeegee," features some of country music's biggest names, including **Shania Twain**, **Kenny Chesney** and **Taylor Swift**.

7. Kenny Chesney, a cowboy hat-wearing Ashton Kutcher and **Brad Paisley** joked around in the audience.

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4 Eye-catching baby bottles

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For the design-conscious baby and mama, meet the Comotomo bottle, a brand that was a recipient of the 2010 IF Product Design Award. Your baby will love the soft, skin-like material of the bottle, which promises to help the little one transition from breast to bottle, and the bottle's unique air-flow system allows babies to get more milk and less air. Approved by the FDA and BPA-free, Comotomo's wide-mouth design also makes the bottles easy to clean, and they can go into the dishwasher — perfect for busy moms everywhere.

The Ba Baby Bottle Holder

$15, www.newinnovashun.com
Baby bottles are great for feeding your baby, but the design leaves a lot to be desired when it comes time for your baby to self-feed. The Ba Baby Bottle Holder is a circle-like encasement for your favorite baby bottle that helps your munchkin feed solo — sometimes as early as three months. The ball-design of the Ba is FDA-approved silicone, BPA-free and features an array of fun colors to get your baby gripping away.

Transition time:

Munchkin's Click Lock spill-proof cups
$3-$8, www.munchkin.com
Before you know it, your baby will be a toddler and you'll need some bottle-like toddler cups for when it's time to make the transition. That's where Munchkin's new Click Lock spill-proof cups come in. Available in an array of bright colors and designs (trainer, sippy, straw, flip-straw and big-kid cups), they all feature an advanced leak-preventing design and are BPA-free.

Mimijumi

"Very Hungry" baby bottle (8 oz.), $15; "Not So Hungry" baby bottle (4 oz.), $14
www.thenewmomshop.com
The Mimijumi "Very Hungry" and "Not So Hungry" baby bottles also get high marks for design and functionality. Designed with input from mothers, doctors and lactation experts, the BPA-free Mimijumi (which features a nipple that is breast-like in appearance and texture to help with latching) was conceived as a stylish complement to breast-feeding.

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▶ Check in with your young teen.

Today's kids are facing grown-up issues

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▶ **More than 1 in 3 (37 percent)** 7th-grade students surveyed indicate being a victim of psychological dating violence in the last 6 months.
▶ **Nearly 1 in 6** 7th-grade students surveyed report being a victim of physical dating violence in the last 6 months.

— Source: Start Strong: Building Healthy Teen Relationships, a prevention initiative that teaches 11- to 14-year-olds about teen dating violence and abuse

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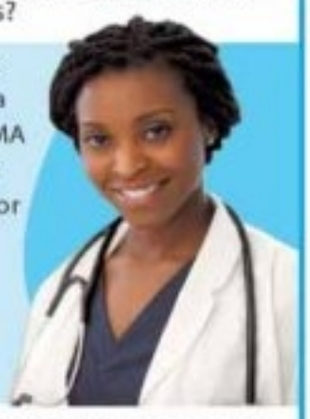

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It comes down to faith: Prayer works

RE: "PRAYER AS HEALTH CARE? GOOD LUCK": Robert La Rosa disparages prayer as health care. Yet there is no evidence that prayer does not help those who are ill, even if only psychologically. In fact, after I've seen my doctor I often pray that his diagnosis is correct. **ADELAIDE VERPONI, VIA E-MAIL**

It is just a question of faith. Did the guy in the Bible, whom Peter cut the ear off of, go to an emergency room? No, Jesus fixed it with nobody's help. And Jesus said we'll do more if we have enough faith. I also believe that all knowledge come from God, so why not have health care? But health care and belief in prayers can complete each other; it doesn't have to be one or the other. **MICHELLE LAMOTHE, VIA E-MAIL**

Why do we hate each other? It's simple

As two persons — one black, one white — we, like so many others, are very angry at the killing of young Trayvon Martin. We feel it is a national emergency that people use this tragedy to once and for all understand what racism comes from and how it can end. The answer is in the important philosophy and education Aesthetic Realism, founded by Eli Siegel. It explains that there are two desires in every person, regardless of the color of their skin. The first is our deepest desire — to like the world honestly, see meaning and value in things and people. The second is the desire for contempt, "the addition to self through the lessening of something else." Contempt is so ordinary, from making fun of a person who makes a mistake or thinking you're better than another because of the section of town you live in. Contempt is what makes for the great injustices of this world, from war to racism. **ALLAN MICHAEL AND MATTHEW D'AMICO, VIA E-MAIL**

"Carbon dioxide is necessary for all plant life to produce oxygen."

Is Obama destroying America as payback for his angry parents? When Obama ran for president, he lied to the people of coal-producing states concerning clean coal technology. Now he has the EPA do his bidding to shut down coal-burning power plants after he trashed the Keystone XL pipeline. But then again, Barack Hussein Obama II also lied when he debated Hillary Clinton, saying that she was for mandatory health insurance and he wasn't. When will the good people of America wake up are realized that we were duped? Carbon dioxide is necessary for all plant life to produce oxygen. Obama is either extremely stupid or intentionally trying to take America down as payback. **JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL**

What if we tried a national lottery?

RE: "LOTTERY MANIA COULD YIELD BETTER RESULTS": Did anyone ever think of, once a year, the U.S. states hold a lottery. Numbers could be picked on Christmas or New Year's or something like that. The money could go toward lowering the deficit. **MIKE DELFINO, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you take on too heavy a schedule, all it would do is cut down on your proficiency. Putting too much pressure on yourself could make you overwhelmed.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Once more, you could get yourself involved socially with someone of whom you're not too fond. Try not to dwell too much on this person's shortcomings, or problems will result.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** It's going to be up to you to put a stop to an outside influence that could undermine the tranquility of your space. If you don't do anything about it, you'll have to live with it.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Someone you know is spoiling for a fight. If you find yourself on a collision course with a very strongly opinionated person, walk away as fast as you can.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Thoroughly check out an expensive, purportedly long-lasting article to see if it can live up to its claims, before putting your hard-earned money down. It may not be worth it.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If both you and your special someone have short fuses, make sure you keep your mouth shut when out in public. If you don't, it could lead to something very embarrassing.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Try to help someone who has come to your assistance in the past. Even if this person's problems are more complex than yours, don't compare the two.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Be extremely careful about how you handle a friend who is already miffed for something you supposedly did in the past. Even if you weren't at fault, turn the other cheek.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Enhance your chances for success by trying to see things through the eyes of your competitor. It could substantially increase your ability to get what you want.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Unless you are very careful with whom you pick an argument, you could find yourself in a situation where you are completely overmatched. Be agreeable to all.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** There are strong signals telling you and your family to be extremely careful about handling your funds. You or another member could incur a debt that would be difficult to pay off.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It's OK to go to someone for advice, if you believe he or she is bright enough to help. If the other party is clueless, however, he or she could make matters much worse.

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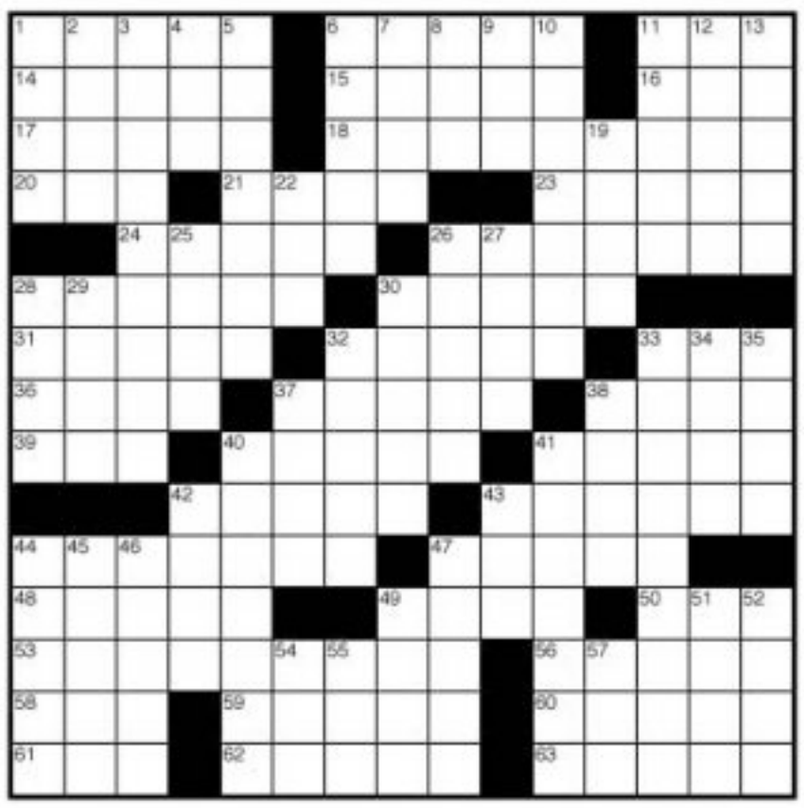

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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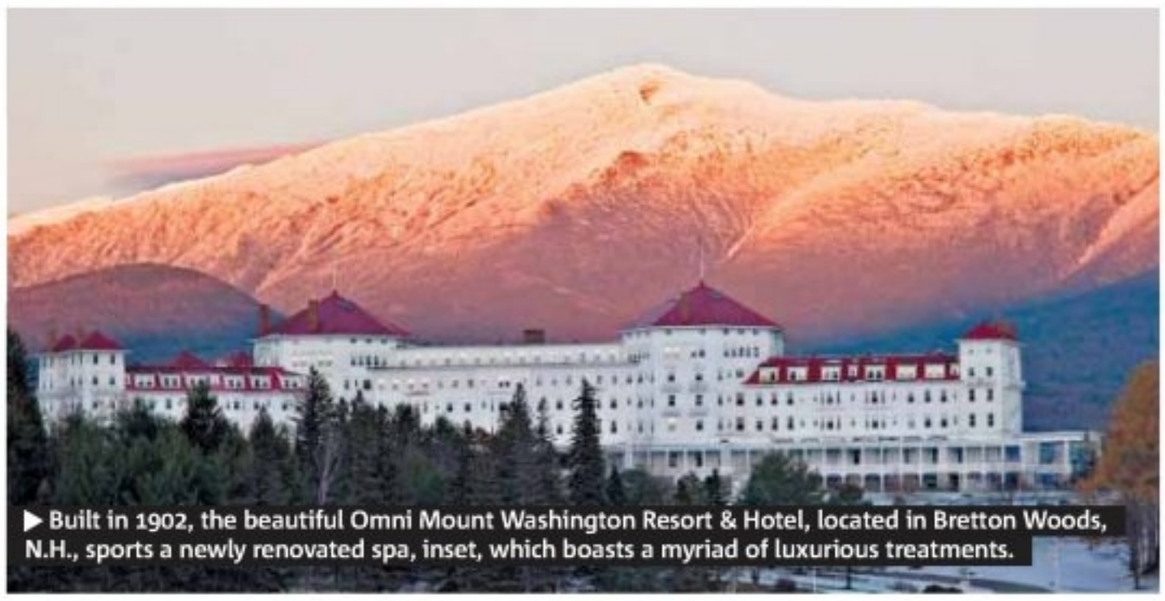

▶ Built in 1902, the beautiful Omni Mount Washington Resort & Hotel, located in Bretton Woods, N.H., sports a newly renovated spa, inset, which boasts a myriad of luxurious treatments.

▶ The full-service, 25,000-square-foot spa and salon

Splurge-worthy spa trips for 2012

Emerge from the long winter with a wellness-inspired pick-me-up. Check out these rejuvenating getaways:

▶ La Quinta Resort & Club
Palm Desert, Calif.
Why go now: Like many of the Hollywood legends who visit, La Quinta, set 19 miles south of Palm Springs, has had a little nip and tuck. Ringed by the jagged Santa Rosa Mountains, the newly renovated 38-room, stucco-accented spa looks refreshed and modernized.
Best treatment: The cutting-edge anti-aging HydraFacial relies on LED light and a high-tech machine to deliver plumping serums into the skin (30 or 90 minutes, $250 or $375).
What to do: Dine outdoors at Morgan's on a warm night and enjoy live jazz on the patio.

▶ Canyon Ranch
Lenox, Mass.
Why go now: At this premier integrative health spa in the Berkshires, known for pampering and preventive medicine, the new medically informed Gait Analysis serves to strengthen tired feet, while Back in the Game helps reduce back pain.
Best treatment: The Detoxifying Organic Seaweed Wrap (80 minutes, $300), a full-body scrub, seaweed wrap and scalp and foot massage utilizes hand-harvested wild seaweed extracts and organic essential oils for silky-soft skin.
What to do: Plan your summer visit to coincide with Tanglewood, the renowned classical music festival held in Lenox.

Omni Mount Washington Resort
Bretton Woods, N.H.
Why go now: Fresh from a $20 million renovation, this historic grand dame, built in 1902, features a 25,000-square-foot luxury spa with 13 treatment rooms, a fitness studio and an outdoor whirlpool touting jaw-dropping views of the White Mountains.
Best treatment: The Herbal Body treatment (75 min., $175) incorporates a Moor Mud wrap, a massage and sugar body polish infused by fresh herbs from the spa garden.
What to do: Head to Bretton Woods, the largest ski area in New Hampshire, for a hike through hushed, wooded trails.

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In the news

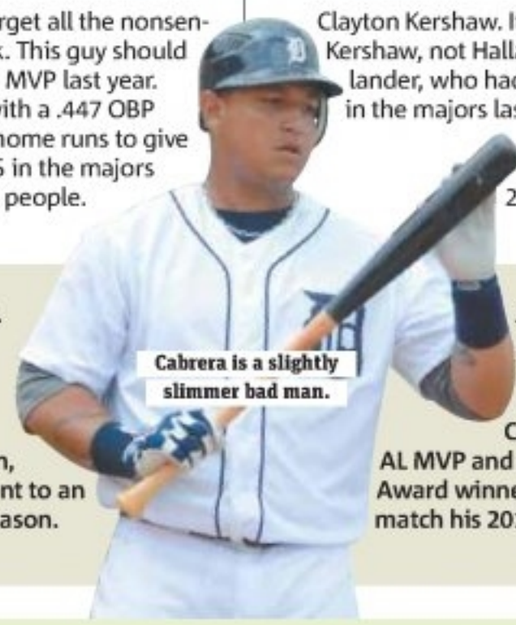
Beckett is 'fine'

Red Sox starting pitcher Josh Beckett told WEEI.com that he expects to make his scheduled Saturday start against Detroit.

Beckett has a reported thumb injury but said that he is "fine."

The editors' MLB regular season roundtable

	Which team will lead the majors in wins during the regular season?	Which hitter will have the best regular season?	Which pitcher will have the best regular season?
Mike Greger Metro Philadelphia **NL East:** Phillies **NL Central:** Reds **NL West:** Giants	Detroit. They already had perennial Cy Young candidate Justin Verlander. Now the Tigers throw Prince Fielder's 40 home runs into the mix. We're betting on 100 wins and a cigarette endorsement deal for Jim Leyland.	Joey Votto. The 28-year-old sometimes gets lost in the shuffle, but with Prince Fielder and Albert Pujols changing leagues, it's his time.	Roy Halladay. Silence all the Stephen Strasburg talk right now. Doc spent his offseason wrestling snakes and polishing his two Cy Young awards. Mark the Phillies' ace down for 22 wins and 240 innings. Another ho-hum season.
Mark Osborne Metro New York **AL East:** Rays **AL Central:** Tigers **AL West:** Angels	Angels. Sure, everyone knows they added Albert Pujols, but look at their pitching staff. Jered Weaver, C.J. Wilson, Dan Haren and Ervin Santana could be the best top 4 in the entire majors. Oh, also, they signed Albert Pujols.	Jose Bautista. Forget all the nonsensical steroids talk. This guy should have won the AL MVP last year. He batted .302 with a .447 OBP and clubbed 42 home runs to give him the best OPS in the majors as well. He's real people.	Clayton Kershaw. It was Kershaw, not Halladay or Verlander, who had the best ERA in the majors last year. He had 248 strikeouts in 233 1/3 IP.
Matt Burke Metro Boston **AL wild cards:** Yankees and Rangers **NL wild cards:** Marlins and Diamondbacks	San Francisco. The offense was dreadful last season, but the return of Buster Posey in the middle of the lineup should help reverse San Fran's fortunes.	Miguel Cabrera. Reported to camp in the "best shape of his life." That's not saying much, but all signs point to an otherworldly season.	Justin Verlander. Still the gold standard. Could the 2011 AL MVP and Cy Young Award winner possibly match his 2011 output?


Cabrera is a slighty slimmer bad man.

No beer at Fenway? Blasphemy

There was quite the uproar on Twitter yesterday afternoon as a link from Boston.com regarding a ban of in-park beer sales at Fenway Park was retweeted hundreds of times.

The link stated that "Red Sox management announced yesterday that beer will no longer be allowed in box seats, grandstands or bleachers and must be drunk at or near the counters where it is bought. The action was taken at the request of Mary Driscoll, chairman of the Boston Licensing Board, and was prompted by complaints from many fans. Park police will be on the lookout for beer runners — men trying to smuggle beer to their seats through a cordon of cops and ushers.

Rubber pockets are going to become popular among Boston baseball fans, fashion designers say."

At first it looked as though it was an April Fools' joke gone bad. Instead, Boston.com had the wrong date on its article titled 'Red Sox ban beer drinking in seats.' The story originally ran on Aug. 17, 1956, and was part of the Globe's Fenway Park 100th anniversary package. MATT BURKE

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▶ Paul Pierce

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Two years ago, the Celtics stumbled to a 50-32 record, which was considered a disappointment. But then the playoffs began, and the then unheralded C's kept winning until they reached Game 7 of the NBA Finals.

The 2009-10 Celtics earned a No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference and had home court advantage going into just one of their four series' that year.

The 2011-12 Celtics would like to duplicate that type of run under similar circumstances and it's starting to look as though that they could.

Rajon Rondo has become a triple-double machine again, Paul Pierce was named Eastern Conference Player of the Week yesterday and, most importantly, the Celtics have started to beat some of the NBA's elite.

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▶ Zdeno Chara and the Bruins have clinched the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference.

Different agenda for the Bruins

Division title wrapped up, not the ultimate goal ◗ Chara named NHL's No. 2 star of the week ◗ Matchup with Senators likely

ON TV TODAY

Penguins at Bruins, 7:30 p.m. (NBCSN)

Just a year ago, clinching a division title would be cause for three-day bender for more than a few of the more rowdy Bruins. But in year one after the Cup, it has become a ho-hum practice.

The Bruins clinched the Northeast division Sunday night with a much-needed win over Rangers at Madison Square Garden. More important than the division crown itself, however, was the fact that the B's beat New York for the first time this season.

The top two teams in the Eastern Conference seem destined to meet at some point in a seven-game series this spring. After losing five straight to the boys in blue dating back to last season, the Bruins gained much needed confidence against their old, turned-new rivals.

"It was an important win for a number of reasons," B's netminder Tim Thomas told ESPN. "One of those was to show them we're not a pushover team just in case we get matched up in the playoffs."

The Bruins have little to play for the rest of the regular season, which wraps up Saturday at home against Buffalo.

It will be intriguing to see how head coach Claude Julien manages things tonight (7:30 p.m., NBCSN) as the Bruins face another potential playoff foe in Pittsburgh.

Gaining confidence against the Penguins would certainly be beneficial given that the Bruins are 1-2 against the Pens this season. Both losses have come in the past two months. The lone win for the B's over Pittsburgh came on Dec. 5, a 3-1 victory.

Ottawa, which spent much of the season chasing the B's for the Northeast crown, clinched a playoff berth Sunday and are likely to be slotted into the seventh seed in the East. That would set up a first round matchup between the Senators and Bruins.

The NHL playoffs are set to begin on Wednesday, April 11.

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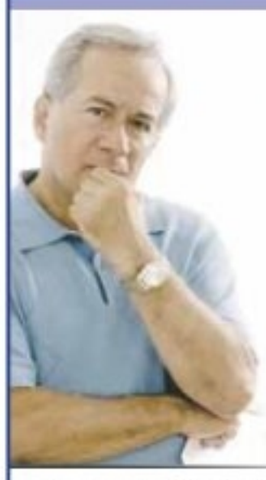

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